

**Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council  
Legislative and Communications Standing Committee  
Minutes  
August 18, 2005  
Conference Call**

**Present:** Derek Weimer, Chairperson, Kathy Anderson, Carrie Witte, Connie Shonka, Carol Fichter, Lea Ann Johnson, Terry Rohren

**Update on the Meeting with the Governor**—Lea Ann Johnson has heard back from the Governor's Office about meeting with the Governor. The meeting will be September 16, 2004 at 7:45 AM. The full Council will discuss at the August 26, 2005 who besides Denise Wright and Lea Ann should attend the meeting and possible topics for inclusion in the discussion. The meeting will be for 30 minutes because the Governor has to leave town right after that.

**Medicaid Reform Information Piece**—Terry Rohren drafted an information piece for the committees review on the Medicaid Reform efforts at the state and federal level. Kathy Anderson, Connie Shonka, and Carrie Witte found the information piece informative and said it helped them better understand the issue. Kathy asked that Terry provide some visual depiction of those sections that are pro-Reform and those that are more concerned about reform. Terry will provide some visual change. Carrie made a motion that the Medicaid Reform piece go to the full Council at the August 26, 2005 meeting with the changes previously discussed. Connie Shonka seconded. All approved the revised report being distributed.

**John Roberts Information**—Terry asked if people were able to access the information that was sent out regarding Roberts positions on people with disabilities. Several people said they were unable to make the link work. Terry will bring the hard copy to the committee meeting on August 26, 2005. Derek Weimer suggested that attorney's sometimes have to make arguments and take positions when they work for others that might not match their own opinions. Derek suggested that since both the right and the left have concerns about John Roberts nomination it might be a good sign that he is more likely a centrist in his positions. Derek suggested that folks might want to look at the dates and times that the opinions were made and look at more recent opinions of his personal positions on issues.

**Business for August 26, 2005 Meeting**—Kathy Anderson asked Terry to do some research on some of the Legislative Studies proposed at the end of the last legislative session and determine how many of those may be relevant to the work of this Council.

There was no other business.

Lea Ann Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carrie Witte seconded. The motion passed. Derek wanted to be sure that everyone recognized what an efficient

meeting we had thanks to excellent leadership from the chairperson. Terry announced that Derek was elected to the ECICC Steering Committee.